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Community Built, ¾ Mile Trail to Open in McLean

The demand for new trails is always growing. Despite the opening of the 41-mile Cross County Trail last year and more than 250 miles of available trails in Fairfax County, the desire to spend more time on local trails continues to expand in this active, fitness-oriented community.

To that end, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Fairfax County Park Authority will open a new section of natural surface trail and stepping stone crossings in the Pimmit Run Stream Valley between Old Dominion Drive and Pimmit Bend Park in McLean, VA. The construction of this trail is part of the Park Authority's effort to meet the demand by citizens for additional trails. One unique aspect of this volunteer based, community-initiated project is that volunteers from Fairfax Trails and Streams constructed the trail and improvements, under the watchful guidance of Park Authority staff.

"I am very proud of the efforts that these community volunteers made to create a brand new section of trail," said Dranesville Supervisor Joan DuBois. "The entire project cost just under \$60,000 a total which would have been much higher without these volunteer laborers. And they do very nice work too," she added.

The park properties involved in this project begin at the crossing of Pimmit Run and Old Dominion Drive and end at Brookhaven Drive. Improvements for this trail include the construction of approximately ¾ mile of natural surface trail, the installation of four fairweather stepping stone crossings and the installation of a new pedestrian crossing at Old Dominion Drive with related safety signage.

Brief ribbon cutting ceremonies are slated for Saturday, September 15, 2007 at 3 p.m. From the McLean Square Shopping Mall, located at 6643 Old Dominion Drive, cross at the pedestrian crossing, turn to the right, and walk approximately 300 yards along the sidewalk, and cross Pimmit Run on the Old Dominion/Pimmit Run pedestrian bridge. Turn right at the trailhead and follow the signs to the event. For more information contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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